

OPTIONAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: 6620

The following uses of District transportation are a privilege, not a right, and, except where bound by the terms of a lease, the District may revoke that privilege at its discretion with due notice. The Superintendent/designee shall have the authority to modify transportation services for school and extracurricular activities. Students may be denied District transportation if they are in violation of the District's rules and regulations pertaining to transportation.

A. Optional Student Uses of School Bus Transportation

1. School Activities

The District may provide transportation for designated activities that have been approved by the Superintendent. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, educational field trips, athletics, music, debate, drama, etc.

2. Extra-curricular Activities – Rooter Buses

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation for rooter buses under the guidelines for school activities. Use of such services shall be limited to extra-curricular activities sponsored by the District and for students, staff and supervisors attending the event.

3. Charter Buses

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the use of charter buses when District transportation is not available or when extenuating circumstances exist. The user group will pay the full cost of the charter service.

4. Cooperative Programs

The District may enter into cooperative transportation agreements with other districts when it is economically advantageous to the cooperating districts and when it does not impair the quality of educational programs available to students.

5. Open Enrollment

Transportation is not provided for open enrollment. If space is available, temporary exceptions to this policy may be granted when open enrollment transportation can be provided on an existing regularly scheduled bus run without rerouting. When the space is no longer available, the temporary exception shall be canceled.

B. Other Uses of School Bus Transportation

1. Parent Use

The Superintendent/designee may authorize a parent, guardian or custodian of a student enrolled in school, to ride a bus when excess seating is available and private or other public transportation is not reasonably available.

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2. Public Use

The Superintendent may authorize the transportation of members of the general public to school interscholastic activities through the use of a District bus. In such cases, provision shall be made for the reimbursement and payment to the school district by such members of the general public of not less than the District's actual costs plus a reasonable fee for use of the bus.

C. Leasing of District Buses for other Uses

The District may enter into a written lease agreement with any of the following:

1. A nonprofit organization transporting handicapped children and/or persons at least sixty (60) years of age to and from the site of activities or programs deemed beneficial to such persons by such organizations, provided that commercial bus service is not reasonably available for such purpose;
2. A governmental agency transporting personnel, supplies and/or evacuees in the event of a major forest fire, flood or other natural disaster;
3. A user conducting an educational recreation program supported wholly or in part by tax funds.

Such a lease agreement shall contain a clause absolving the District of any and all liability arising from the lessee's use and operation of the District's buses and a clause requiring the lessee to maintain adequate insurance to recompense the District for the potential loss of the buses leased. Potential users shall stipulate in writing that commercial or charter bus service is not reasonably available to provide the services for which a school bus is needed. The user shall reimburse the District for the actual costs plus a reasonable fee for use of the bus. Funds derived from the lease of a surplus bus shall be deposited in the transportation vehicle fund. If a bus is a part of the regular fleet, the funds derived from a rental or lease agreement may be deposited in the general fund.

Cross Reference:	Administrative Policy - 2320	Field Trips
	Administrative Policy - 6112	Rental or Lease of District Property
	Administrative Policy - 6605	Bus Safety and Emergencies

Legal References:	RCW 28A.160.010	Operation of student transportation program– Responsibility of local district–Transporting of elderly–Insurance
	28A.160.040	Lease of buses to transport children with disabilities and elderly–Limitation
	28A.160.070	Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly–Elderly persons defined–Program limitation

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Legal References: (continued)	RCW 28A.160.080	School buses, rental or lease for emergency purposes–Authorization
	28A.160.100	School buses, transportation of general public to interscholastic activities–Limitations
	28A.160.110	School buses, authorization for parent, guardian or custodian of a student to ride–Limitations
	28A.160.120	Agreements with other governmental entities for transportation of public or other noncommon school purposes–Limitations
	28A.335.060	Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of–Disposition of moneys received from
	WAC 180-20	School bus transportation
	392-143	Transportation-Specifications for school buses
	392-145	Transportation-Operation rules